



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Masamichi TAKAHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3628

Application No.: 10/762,471

Examiner: A. ROBINSON BOYCE

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For: EVALUATION APPARATUS AND EVALUATION METHOD

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the October 9, 2007 Office Action, please consider the following remarks.

Claims 1-18 are pending.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103 over Masamichi et al.
(U.S. Publication No. 2003/085347) in view of Johnson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,349,662).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action asserts that Johnson discloses an inquiry unit configured to direct inquiries to groups concerning activities performed by the groups citing col. 6, line 5 - col. 9, line 33. However, Johnson does not disclose or suggest directing inquiries to the groups, but rather directing inquiries to a user activity event table.

At C5/L54-66 Johnson discloses three processes:

- 1) a user activity event detection process;
- 2) an activity detection process; and
- 3) an interrogator process.